

Greenwood County

1. **What does educational achievement mean to our community?**
 - Leading the state and nation
 - On grade level by 4th grade
 - Significantly improved graduation rate
 - Strong availability of trained workforce

2. **What is needed in our community so that ALL students can succeed?**
(Strengths & Challenges)
 - Testing students using a diagnostic assessment
 - Strengthen early childhood development programs- RESOURCES
 - Half day for 4 year olds to full day (we lost our 4-year-old programs due to state funding cuts)
 - Keep class sizes from rising
 - Flexibility for students in secondary system
 - Inform legislature of what works
 - More assistance from the state
 - Concern about losing federal funds- level hard to reach**Strengths:**
 - Northside Middle industry adopted school to continue after school programs
 - Parent income rising
 - School-community relations are supportive
 - Low teacher turnover rate
 - Chamber Teacher Recruitment Event
 - Education Enrichment Foundations Teacher Grant
 - Teachers focused on improved teaching
 - Highly qualified professionals
 - Church summer programs**Challenges:**
 - After school programs have been cut
 - Framing issues of successes and challenges to the public

3. **What programs, partnerships etc. work well in your community to support all students succeeding?**
 - Apprenticeship Programs
 - Host mentoring- 3rd grade/ 6th grade
 - Piedmont Tech- partners with work

4. **What can we do in our homes and neighborhoods to strengthen our schools?**
 - (none listed)